Detention Camp Plan for Rioters Is Disavowed

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The Justice Department has again disavowed any plan, intent or authority to set up detention camps for rioters. It says no legal ground exists for use of such camps as suggested in a report from the House Committtee on Un-American Activities.

Rep. John C. Culver (D-Iowa), a Committee members, put the Department's statement in yesterday's Congressional record along with his own criticism of the Committee report. He termed the report "most regrettable" and said it does not necessarily represent the views of Committee members.

The report, published Monday, said mixed Communist and Black Nationalist elements were planning a guerrilla-type warfare against the U.S. . . . It said detention centers authorized under the McCarran Act of 1950 could be used to imprison those taking part in any such uprisings.